(d) if so, whether Government have received any representation in this regard;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps being taken to meet their demands ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI P.A. SANGMA) : (a) to (f) The Special Tripartite Committee in its meeting held in Bombay on December, 21, 1991 recommended that Industrial Committees be revived or constituted for the industries where the number of sick units was large such as Textiles, Engineering, Jute and Chemicals as well as for Road Transport and Electricity Generation & Distribution. The representation of Central Trade Union Organisations on these Committee to annexed. [*See* Appendix CLXII, Annexure No. 33]

As a follow up of the decisions taken in the Special Tripartite Committee meeting, the Industrial Committee on Cotton Textiles held its first meeting on February 21, 1992.

Two Central Trade Union Organisations namely the Centre of Indian Trade Unions and All India Trade Union Congress have represented about their non-inclusion in some of the Industrial Committees. It has been decided to allocate one seat each to both these Organisations in such Industrial Committees in which they were not represented.

Central Investment Subsidy for small scale sector

*140. SHRI J.P. JAVALI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be Pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central investment Subsidy is available to small scale sector;

(b) if so, the criteria adopted to determine small scale sector and the details of the subsidy available to it ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.J. KURIEN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Steep rise in prices of bulk drugs

1144. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of steep rise in prices of essential drugs especially for the last two months or so from 50 per cent to 100 per cent;

(b) if so, whether Government proposes to set up a high level Committee, including Members of Parliament, on Drug Pricing Policy so as to go into the entire issue of manufacturing, pricing and distribution of drugs on priority basis in the country;

(c) whether Government are aware of non-availability of life saving essential drugs to public at reasonable prices;

(d) if so, what steps have been taken so far ; and

(e) whether any specific directions issued to the drug manufacturing companies to accord top priority for production of such drugs, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN) : (a) In a situation of rising costs of inputs particularly of imported nature, corresponding increase in the prices

of medicines are unavoidable if their availability is to be ensured. However, the increae is not to the extent indicated in the question.

(b) The Drugs Policy, including DPCO, 1987, is under active review of the Government.

(c) to (e) There are no reports regarding the wide-spread shortage of any life saving essential drug. In so far as pricing of medicines are concerned, price revisions of price controlled drugs/formulations are approved on the basis of recommendations of BICP as per the provisions of DPCO, 1987, and after careful scrutiny in the Department. In the case of formulations outside price control as and when any unreasonable price increase is noticed, Government intervenes to bring it to a reasonable level. With this approach, overall availability of drugs at reasonable prices has been ensured.

Setting up of an Atomic power station in Kerala

1145. SHRI M.A. BABY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up an atomic power station in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the decision regarding the site of the project;

(c) whether Government of Kerala have submitted any proposal in this regard;

(d) whether Government are aware of certain objections raised by the various organisations of the State; and

(e) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) : (a) No, Sir. There is no proposal in the eighth five year plan.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Kerala State Authorities proposed a number of sites for setting up of an atomic power station. Preliminary investigations on these sites were carried out by a Technical Committee constituted by the Department of Atomic Energy (DAE). Presently, a Site Selection Committee constituted by the DAE is reviewing the work done by the Technical Committee. This is part of the ongoing site investigations to meet the future needs of the nuclear power programme.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Selection of sites for nuclear power plants is made only after a detailed review of site characteristics by Atomic Energy Regulatory Board on safety aspects, Union Ministry of Environment and Forests on environmental angle and the approval by the Government. All safety and environmental aspects are given due consideration before selecting any site in the country.

विकासात्मक कार्यों में परमाणु ऊर्जा का इस्तेमाल किया जाना

1146. श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या देश में पैदा की जा रही परमाणु ऊर्जा का इस्तेमाल विकासात्मक क्रियाकलापों के लिए किया जा रहा है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ?